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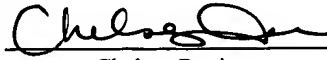
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AFFIRMATION OF AMENDMENT A FILED ON JULY 2, 2004

The applicants have noted that the Amendment A filed in the captioned application on July 2, 2004 was inadvertently filed without the signature of the undersigned attorney. The undersigned spoke to Examiner Pham today, October 5, 2004, about the unsigned Amendment. Examiner Pham explained that since the Amendment Transmittal document filed with the Amendment was signed, the entire paper is considered signed.

Notwithstanding the above, the undersigned hereby affirms the Amendment filed on July 2, 2004 in its entirety. A copy of the Amendment as filed on July 2, 2004 is enclosed. The undersigned has signed and dated the Amendment on even date herewith to affirm the contents of the Amendment as if it has been signed upon its filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 2, 2004.

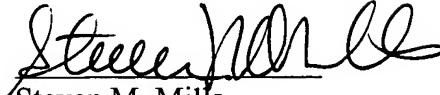
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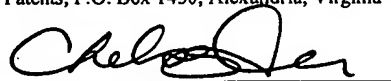
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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, and is filed within the shortened statutory period of three months. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.